

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29.

THE WINTER MONTHS have closed with wintery day and what is called an "old-fashioned snow storm." We hope the winter is now "over and gone," and that we may have no more snow, or ice, or severe cold, till "next season." It has been one of great inequalities in the temperature, with remarkable alternations and changes of weather-and, therefore, not favorable to health-though the mortality in this section of country has not been as great as some have supposed.

The Washington Star says, "it may be safely assumed that the correspondence in progress between the Governments of the U. S. and England will end in the repudiation by England of the scheme for arbitration by the Geneva Conference. In any event, it may be most positively stated that this Government will continue to firmly insist on its rights to present the claim for indirect or consequential damages, and unless the English Government recedes from the position it has taken, and agrees to submit the whole matter to honorable and impartial arbitration, all efforts on the part of the United States to secure an adjustment will be abandoned, and the subject in controversy left precisely as it stood prior to the meeting of the Joint High Commission." It is believed in diplomatic circles in Paris that the British Government will at last concede the competency of the Gevena Arbitration to take indirect claims under consideration. It is expected that the reply of the United States Government will be as conciliatory in tone as was the note from Lord Granville.

Dr. Huston in a card in the Cincinnati papers asks for "a suspension of public opinion" in his case. The Presiding Elder and ministers of the Baltimore District are investigating the charges against Dr. Huston, with the view of laying them before the Conference, which meets at Warrenton, Virginia, on Wednesday next. They have already taken the affidavits of two of the children, and of one other young lady who charges him with having attempted violence upon her in his own house. There are also, numerous corroborating witnesses whose testimony is to be taken. This testimony will, after the action of the Conference, be laid before the public.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, the President was requested to inform the House in regard to the enslavement of Chinese in Cuba, by the orders of Valmasoda. The was amended and recommitted. Mr. Townsend offered, but afterwards withdrew, a resolution for the withdrawal of the American claims against Great Britain for indirect damages. Mr. Beck's resolution calling upon the War Department for information in relation to the sale of arms since the close of the war was adopted. The House discussed a bill in relation to a Wisconsin Railroad until the hour of adjournment.

There is a good deal of comment on the re- city. cent action of the West Virginia constitutional convention to exclude lawyers from the Legislature. It has been agreed that no attorneys and salaried officers of railroads are to be admitted hereafter as legislators. The exclusion of the legal profession would be unjust, absurd, and mischievous. This is another of the new fangled ideas of the day. Public offices and honers should be left open for citizens of all professions-and lawyers are frequently most useful and valuable members of legislative

In the Senate, yesterday, after Mr. Sumner's speech on his resolution of inquiry into the sale of arms to France, a vote was taken on the motion to reconsider Mr. Conkling's amendment, which is, that the Committee shall also inquire whether any Senator has been in criminal collusion with a foreign Government, and the motion was lost. Mr. Schurz offered an amendment regarding the character of the arms sold. Mr. Harlan replied to Mr. Sumner and the Senate adjourned.

The Judges and officers of the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday in a body attended the | tion of County Courts. funeral of the late Gowen Clark, colored, the door-keeper of the Judges' cloak room, and who has had charge of this Department-since | ships. 1838. He was aged 72 years. The attendance at the funeral was a mark of respect for an honest and faithful servant.

In the Senate, yesterday, a majority report against and a minority report in favor of the claim of Mr. Abbott to the seat from North against the State, growing out of a donation of Carolina were presented and laid over for fu- State bonds by the late Geo. Peabody and ture consideration. Every effort will be made to prevent Mr. Ransom from taking his seat.

A grocery firm in Cincinnati has been detected in using the brand of a large sugar refinery house in Baltimore-an offence punishable by fine and imprisonment. The Cincinnati firm confess and ask for a "compromise."

The newspapers say that a woman in New York, yesterday, beat her husband to death "with a beefsteak and a stick." Was not to offer a substitute. An attempt was made the stick sufficient to effect the object desired, to lay the bill upon the table pending which a without the beefsteak?

The eighty-eighth session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, assembled at Eutaw street M. E. Church in Baltimore, yesterday morning, Bishop Mathew against the removal of the Courthouse was Simpson in the chair.

-all "gab."

The Marlboro', Md., Gazette says:-"On Tuesday the locomotive and trains of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, passed over the Collington Branch: thus virtually leaving Marlboro' behind-fulfilling the promises to turnish transportation to and from our village, by the Spring of 1872."

It is thought by some that the death of the late Mr. Hardesty, of Marlboro', Md., was accidental-and that he did not design to commit suicide. He was one of the kindest hearted men we ever knew.

The March number of the Southern Magazine, published in Baltimore, has been received. It has various good articles original and se-

Messrs. Neale and Pearce, delegates in the Legislature from Alexandria, voted for the tax

The Japanese Embassy was expected in Washington to-day.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the Times

Mr. W. W. Corcoran was last heard from on the 10th inst., at which time he was still in Cannes. His general health seemed to be improving, but his eyesight and lameness were no better. His sou-in-law, Mr. Eustis, was in a critical state of health. Mr. C. will probably return to the U. S. sometime in March, unless Mr. Eustis should be worse, in which case he will remain longer.

A delegation of silk manufacturers was yesterday before the Committee of Ways and Means to urge the continued protection of their branch of industry. The capital invested has, they say, increased, from three to twenty-five millions, and affords employment for sixteen thousand operatives.

A naval general court-martial is in session at the Brooklyn Navy Yard which presents a new feature in its organization, in that Staff officers form part of the Court. The President is Commodore Barry, of the Pay Corps, and Commodore Denuiston, of the same Corps, is a mem-

It is understood that the bridge whose failure caused the late terrible catastrophe on the Cincinnati and Louisville railroad, is third bridge of that peculiar structure which has broken down on that road in the three years of its running.

A hundred thousand tons of Scranton coal were sold at auction at New York, yesterday, at the following prices: Lump, \$3.40.13.421 steamboat, \$3.77½; egg, \$3.52½a3.72½; grate, \$3.55a3.65; stove, \$4a4.25; chestnut, \$3.50-

The National Sunday School Convention will meet at Indianapolis on April 6th. The Executive Committee were in session at Pittsburg yesterday, and completed the preliminary ar-

A Louisville firm, S.P. Suit & Co., are reported to have entered into a whiskey transaction of immense proportions, purchasing all the available stock in the United States, and it is expected that they will control the market.

The body of Clement McCaust, deputy U. S. marshal, was found yesterday, eighteen miles from Frog Point, Dakota. He perished in the recent storm, while pursuing an escaped

It is said that Justice David Davis, of the U. S. Supreme Court, reform candidate for cousin, it is said, of the late Mr. Henry Winter Davis, of Maryland.

The Union Pacific railroad is again open. and the trains are moving regularly; but the snow in the mountains is likely to interrupt communication till May.

The Legislature of Ohio has passed a bill restricting the amount which may be recovered from railroad companies as compensation for causing death, to \$10,000.

While at Chicago, the Japanese Embassy gave \$500 for the relief of the poor of that

Colonel James Fisk's horses and carriages were sold in New York yesterday at auction and brought \$50,000.

Six jurors who don't read the newspapers are all that could be found in New York in two days to try Mayor Hall.

From Richmond.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, Feb. 28.—The Senate to-day took up the House resolution extending the session; but laid it on the table for the present, for the reason that there were not enough Senators present to pass it-the constitution requiring a three-fifths vote to do it. Twelve out of forty-three Senators are absent.

The House ordered to engrossment the following bills; to amend the registration law; extending the time for the collection of taxes in certain counties, amended by the insertion of the city of Alexandria; to provide for the redivision of certain counties into townships, including the county of Fairfax; to prevent boys under twelve years from carrying fire arms; amending the charter of Charlottesville; to provide for artificial legs to citizens of the State who lost theirs during the war, including colored employees; to amend the act authorizing the Courts to grant charters of incorporation; to amend the code in reference to the jurisdic-

The House passed the Assessment bill, as amended, ayes 104, noes 5, and the bill for the redivision of Rockingham county into town-

Among the hills introduced was and to sacure the libraries of ministers from taxation, and one to amend the code in relation to the fees of sheriffs.

When the hour for a recess came the House had under consideration the bill to adjust the claims of Washington and Lee University which were lost.

The Senate had under consideration nearly all day the bill to allow the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company to condemn and take at its appraised value, the outstanding stock of the Virginia and Tennessee, Southside, and Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad Compa-

nies, which was variously amended and passed. The bill providing for the payment of four per cent interest upon the public debt being taking up Mr. Thomas indicated his intention, should a vote to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to its engrossment prevail, motion to adjourn prevailed.

At the night session of the House the bill to provide for the adjudication of the claims of Washington and Lee University against the State was ordered to be engrossed.

A petition of citizens of Prince William presented.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Rockingham Register says: - "The lumber business is getting to be no insignificant trade in this county. Many of our enterprising eitizens have taken advantage of the superior water power which nature has provided in this section, and mills, factories, saw-mills, &c., are pretty thickly dotting the banks of our rivers. creeks, &c.

James Smith, mail agent between Abbeville and Barnesville, was arrested in Richmond on Monday charged with robbing the United States mail of \$101.80 belonging to merchants doing business in Richmond. Smith was taken to Danville on Tuesday, where he will probably

A general order from the Adjutant-General's office prescribes at length the uniforms for general officers, the general staff and field officers. The uniform is very like that for the same grades in the United States army, except that the cloth is of grey instead of blue.

It is estimated that there are at least 175,000 dogs in Virginia. . It is also estimated that the keeping of each dog costs \$10 a year. So the people of Virginia pay \$1,750,000 annually for the privilege of having their sheep killed and their houses stocked with fleas.

The Methodists contemplate the crection of a Church at Stafferd Court House, with the provision that other Christian denominations may use it two Sundays in every month. A handsome sum was subscribed towards its creetion at last court.

A case of small-pox has made its appearance in the neighborhood of Lincoln, Loudoun county. The patient had just returned from a visit of several weeks in Washington, The disease is of a mild form. The rate of taxation on real and personal

of finance of the two houses of the General Assembly, is fifty cents on the one hundred dollars. Unless the Washington and Richmond Railway Company (Pennsylvania Central) accepts the charter granted it by the last Legislature

property, as proposed by the joint committee

before the 4th of March it will become inoper-Our exchanges in the Valley and from other portions of the State, speak favorably of the present appearance of the growing wheat. But

it is too soon to make calculations. The Germans of Petersburg have determined to organize a Methodist church, in connection with the Virginia Conference.

A chapter of Royal Arch Masons is to be es-

Bankruptcy for the Richmond district, is now a prosperous citizen of Denver, Colorado. Work was commenced yesterday on the

Lynchburg and Danville railroad within the city of Lynchburg. Au effort is being made to establish a tele-

Cases of scarlet tever and pneumonia are re-

ported in portions of Fauquier and in some of the Valley counties. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have made Winchester a depot of material,

supply and construction. J. G. Coates is appointed postmaster at Coate's store, Rockingham county, vice W. R.

iarley, deceased. A fine fat bear, killled and dressed in Wythe county, was retailed at twenty ets. per pound,

yesterday, in Lnychburg. FOREIGN NEWS.

France pays at once to Germany more than four hundred millions of francs as an instalment of the war indemnity. By turning over this huge amount in a mass Thieres saves some twenty millions on the totals, and makes a long step forward to the final redemption of the nation. A strong fleet is cruising in the channel and

watching for any descent of the partisans of Napoleon from England, and it has been recently added to with three more ships of war. It is reported that Queen Victoria is going to Germany to visit her daughter, the wife of the Prince Imperial.

REAPPORTIONTMENT. - At the caucus of the Conservative members of the Legislature held on Tuesday night the following plan for redistricting the State for representation in Congress was agreed upon, and a bill to carry it into effect, will be introduced and probably passed at an early day.

First District-Accomac, Northampton, Gloucester, Matthews, Middlesex, Essex, King William, King and Queen, Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond county, Westmoreland, King George, Stafford, Prince William, Spotsylvania. Population, 136,345.

Second District-Norfolk county and city, city of Portsmouth, Princess Anne, Nanse mond, Isle of Wight, Elizabeth City, York, Warwick, James City, Charles City, New Kent, Sussex, Southampton, Surry, Prince George. Population, 139,309. Third District-Richmond city and Henrico,

Chesterfield, Hanover, Caroline, Louisa. Population, 132,544. Fourth District-Dinwiddie and city of Petersburg, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Lunen-

burg, Nottoway, Amelia, Greensville, Prince Edward, Charlotte, Powhatan, Cumberland. Population, 143,686. Fifth District-Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry,

Franklin, Patrick, Floyd, Carroll, Grayson. Population, 128,467. Sicth District-Alleghany, Botetourt, Bedford, Rockbridge, Campbell. Amherst, Appo-

mattax, Buckingham, Nelson. Population 135,873. Seventh District-Bath. Highland, Augus-Kockingnam, Page, Albermarle, Greene. Shenandoah, Fluvanna, Goochland. Popula-

tion, 136,140. Eighth District-Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Loudoun, Alexandria, Fairfax, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Madison, Orange, Culpeper. Population, 138,860. Ninth District-Lee, Scott, Wise. Buchanan.

Washington, Russell, Tazewell, Smyth, Wythe, Pulaski, Bland, Montgomery, Giles. Roanoke, Craig. Population, 135,133.

This plan, is is said, is strongly objected to by many, who want the subject reconsidered.]

SINGULAR MARRIAGE. - The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Index, writes: The town is all a gossip about an elopement and marriage which recently took place-the masculine being a youth of seventeen, and the party of the other part a lady of twenty. The mother of the young lady finding out that her daughter was about to leave her home surreptitously and that nothing could induce her to change her mind, discreetly consented to send county was burned Tuesday. Loss \$20,000. her off in company with a gentleman and married lady, and the youth left his home secretly and joined her at Ashland, from whence the in withdrawing her troops from Canada, pre- York, Norfolk and Richmond. twain went to Washington and were made one lady belong to families, which for twenty-five ing is not arrived at, jeers the cowardice of years past have occupied not only respectable, but high positions in Richmond society, and A bill to incorporate the Bank of Berryville the marriage and attendant circumstances have dependence as the only course open to Cana-A Woman's Rights Convention has been was passed and the bills to amend the road law, occasioned them the deepest sorrow. The dians, and asks the people to prepare for a sepin session in Baltimore for two days. The with House amendments, and to submit to a couple are yet in Washington, but are daily aration. vote of the people the proposed amendment to expected to return to Richmond. The young "proceedings," were—not intending to be rade the Constitution in regard to usury, were order—not intending to be rade the Constitution in regard to usury, were order—not intending to be rade the injurious statements reproduced in this the injurious statements reproduced in this probably never earned \$5 in his whole life.

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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

THE EXTENSION OF THE SESSION.

RICHMOND, Feb. 29.-In the Senate, today, the joint resolution from the House, extending the present session of the Legislature for thirty days from the 4th of March, was taken up, and the Senate refused to concur, but amended the resolution by inserting fifteen days, making Tuesday the 19th of March the day for final adjournment, and as amended the resolution was adopted-ayes 29, noes 8-Messrsr. Thomas and Taylor voting in the affirmative.

The resolution was immediately reported to the House, which body at once concurredayes 91, noes 24, Mr. Neale voting in the negative.

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

Washington, February 29, 1872. In the Senate, to-day, the Committee on the Judiciary reported a bill for the relief of purchasers of lands sold for direct taxes in the insurrectionary States, with amendments striking out court of competent jurisdiction whenever it occurs, and inserting United States Court. The following is the bill:

Be it enacted, de. That no owner, his heirs or assigns, of any land sold for taxes under the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the collection of direct taxes in the insurrectionary districts within the United States, and for other purposes," approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the acts amendatory thereof, shall be permitted to recover the same in any action or proceeding assigns, without showing, in addition to other necessary facts, that all taxes, costs, and penalties due upon the said land, at the time of the sale, have been paid by him or them, or bringing into court and depositing with the clerk, for the use of the United States, the amount with interest, of the taxes and penalties due to the United States on account of the land when sold, tegether with all the costs and expenses of the sale, which sum, in case of the recovery of the land by such owner, his heirs or assigns, shall be paid by the clerk into the Treasury of the United States.

Sec. 2. That in all cases where the owner of land sold for taxes as aforesaid, his heirs or assigns, shall recover the same from the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, without collusion on his or their part, by the judgment of "any tablished in Fredericksburg in two or three court of competent jurisdiction," by reason of a failure, without his or their fault or neglect, "Judge" H. G. Bond, formerly Register in of the title of the purchaser derived from said sale, the Secretary of the Treasury, on the pay-ment into the Treasury, by the clerk, of the money deposited with him as aforesaid, and on being satisfied that any purchaser, his heirs or assigns, without his or their collusion, has been evicted from or turned out of possession of any such land by the judgment of "any court of graph office at New Market, Shenandoah competent jurisdiction," in the manner before mentioned, is hereby authorized, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to repay to the person or persons entitled thereto a sum of money equal to that originally paid by the purchaser of the land so recovered, if the same has been paid into the Treasury.

The House of Representatives spent the morning hour on a bill to extend the time for building the St. Croix and Lake Superior renders an account of the funds.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A most interesting discussion took place to day in the Committee on the District of Columbia, a bill being before the committee to allow the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad to extend its track along Sixth street to Penusylvania Avenue. John W. Garrett, esq., John S. Barbour, esq., and other gentlemen appeared to ask the same right of way on behalf of the connexions of the Baltimore and Ohio and Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroads. This request was opposed by Mr. Scott of the Pennsylvania Central, and a discussion took place before the committee between Mr. Barbour and Mr. Scott.

The following is the bill before the Committee to confirm the action of the authorities of the District of Columbia in designating a depot site for the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad

Company: Be it enacted, &c. That the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad shall have the right to extend its track from Virginia avenue along Sixth street and across the canal to the open grounds between Sixth street, B street, and the canal. and to occupy said grounds for depot and railroad purposes, as authorized by the city councils of Washington: Provided, however, That if at any time a park shall be established, including Sixth street, said railroad along Sixth street shall be so adapted to the park avenues, either by tunnels or bridges, as the board of public works may direct, as not materially to interfere therewith; and that said Sixth street from the canal to Pennsylvania avenue shall at all times be kept paved and in good repair by said railroad company, and that existing laws relative to straightening

From New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.-An Albany dispatch says the Judiciary Committee will recommend the impeachment of Judges Cardozo and Bar-

the canal shall not be affected thereby.

At the village of Belvidere, near Elmira. postmaster Bullock has been arrested on the charge of persistently robbing the mails in the office. In one instance a bag containing \$5000 had been rifled.

One of the matters which it is said will be presented to the Judiciary Committee against Judge Cardozo, charges him with withholding the decision in a simple case since 1870 and then asserting that the notes of the case had been lost and he could not decide. The suit was on the recovery, by a sister of a descendant, of property left her.

The impression is prevalent that while Leet & Co., may lose the general order business they will continue to keep their bonded warehouse. It is understood that the District Attorney cannot prosecute the merchants who bribed the Custom House officials on the testimony taken before the investigating committee, the statute exempting such witnesses from liability. If independent proff arises in the prosecution of the officials it will be made the basis of suits against the merchants.

An interview with ex Secretary Seward at Auburn, yesterday, elicited his opinion on the Washington Treaty. He considers that a great omission exists in the present treaty, in that it does not insist upon an apology by England for the Queen's proclamation, but that war with England is impossible and that the time for the settlement of the Alabama Claims has not yet arrived. The demand for a sum of money for consequential damages, is, in his opinion, beneath the dignity of our government.

Graves' cotton factory at Craigville, Orange An Octawa dispatch states that the Hon. James Howe condemns the policy of England diets a rupture between the Home governby a Presbyterian minister. The boy and young | ment and the Dominion if a hetter understand-England in concentrating its army and navy around the islands of Great Britain, urges in-

Remington and Sons print a card denying In Washington, on Wednesday, February

tive to the French arms contracts, and states that the publication of the report of the French commission will' completely exonerate

them from anything dishonorable. The Oyer and Terminer court is crowded. The Stokes case is being heard, Messrs. Bartlett and McKean addressing the jury in suball the proceedings in obtaining the grand jury by which the indictment was found against Stokes were illegal and irregular.

In the Common Pleas Court Mayor Hall and counsel appeared, a dense crowd being present. The names of the eleven jurors already obtain the twelfth and last juror. Several parties were examined and rejected.

Foreign News.

LONDON, Feb. 26,-The pressure of the immense mass of people who collected to view the royal procession on Tuesday last and the fall of two stands whereon people had congregated to view the demonstration were attended with much more calamitous results than at first supwere conveyed to the various hospitals in the to be warned of him. city and are being properly attended to.

LONDON, Feb 29.-The Times this morning again discusses the Alabama case and claims of the United States government, and says England will pay nothing save what she is required to in obedience to the decision of the Geneva tribunal of arbitration. She has never dreamed of offering any compromise of difficulties | the City Council in requiring the Treasurer to outside of the treaty. If the treaty is a failure

it is the fault of the American government. PARIS, Feb. 29.—The committee on Capituations, of the National Assembly, is still engaged in examining into the facts connected with the surrender of the fortifications of Metz by Marshal Bazaine during the late war with Germany. A delegation from the municipal council of Metz has arrived in Paris en route to Versailles where they intend to testify against against the purchaser at such sale, his heirs or the Marshal. The committee will hear the testimony of the delegation on the 5th of March.

From Mexico and Texas.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.-A special dispatch from Matamoras dated February 28th says :-The river steamer San Juan left Brownsville this morning for Camargo loaded with bonded goods. The Mexican authorities abandoned the idea of stopping her en-route, but propose to start a force and in conjuction with Cortina capture Camargo before her arrival.

Reports via Tampico states that the revolutionists have captured San Luis Potosi. A Brownsville, Texas, special of the 28th says a meeting of prominent stock raisers in Western Texas is called for the purpose of terumating depredations. In the absence of sup-

protecting themselves by making reprisals.— The feeling here is very bitter. The Musical Jubilee, &c.

port from the government they will advocate

Boston, Feb. 29. - Applications have been received from over one hundred and fifty societies to participate in the international festival chorus, representing all parts of the country. The Boston Board of Trade is arranging to give a banquet to the Japanese Embassy on its arrival here.

From Utah.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.-A Lalt Lake letter ays ballot stuffing and repeating in the palmiest days of Tammany never equalled that in the recent election in Utah. A Committee of Safety has been organized urging the citizens to pay no more taxes till the city Treasurer

Death of an Operator. BALTIMORE, Feb. 29.-Benj. F. Joh

for eleven years, a faithful operator in the Western Union Telegraph Office of this city, and one of the best operators in the country, died last night of consumption, aged 22 years. The Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29 .- Stocks dull. Gold heavy at lt i. Money firm at 7. Virginia sixes 50i; new 52. Flour dull and heavy. Wheat dull and nominally lower. Corn dull and heavy. BALTIMORE, Feb. 29.-Virginia sixes, consolidated 55. Cotton weak and pauicky: difficult to get accurate quotations; low middlings 21½a 21½. Flour very strong; Howard Street Superfine 6 25a\$7; do. Extra 7 25a\$8; do. Family 8 25 a\$9 25; City Mills advanced 25c. Wheat firm; Pennsylvania 168a170. Corn dull; white Southern 63a66; yellow do. 62a64; mixed Western 65. Oats quiet and unchanged. Rye steady at

SEIZURE OF OYSTER VESSELS. - A letter to the Norfolk Journal from Matthews Courthouse, dated 23d instant, says:

The State steamer Virginia, Capt. F. C. Newman commanding, has just returned from an expedition after vessels dredging in the waters of Virginia, in violation of the law. He captured the following vessels on the 21st in stant: Schooner Intrepid, Captain John W. Turner; schooner Mary and Alice, Captain Benj. Kelso; schooner Southerner, Captain Win. B. Kellum, and the schooner Anna Merrill, Captain Benj. Givens. They were dredging back of Gwyn's Island, in the bay. Two of the vessels were taken back of the island. and the other two near Wolf-trap light. He would have made other captures, but it was getting late in the afternoon, and the steamer had to return to Millford Haven with the captured vessels.

The captains were brought to the Courthouse yesterday, the 22d instant, and carried before a justice, who bailed them to appear at May term. The ve-sels were retained and placed in the custody of the sheriff, subject to the order of the County Court.

GEN. RANSOM. - Now that there is no doubt that General Abbott, of North Carolina will be refused a seat in the Senate, a fight will be made against Gen. Ransom, who was elected this winter by the Legislature, and an attempt will be made to have the seat declared vacant. The ground on which this action is based is that the Democratic majority of the Legisla ture of North Carolina was elected by fraud and that many of those who composed it were under political disabilities, and therefore perjured themselves when they took their seats. The Republicans hope that if the seat is declared vacant they can elect a Republican Legis lature in August next. - N. Y. Tribune.

A meeting of the delegates of the Germania Mænnerchor, Liederkranz, Arion and Harmonic Singing Societies was held on Sunday, in Baltimore to take into consideration a communication received by the Germania Mænnerchor from that well known composer, Francis Abt, of Braunschweig, Germany, in which Prof. Abt announces his intention of sailing for this country in April, and presiding, upon his arrival, over a monster concert, to be given by that and other societies of Baltimore.

Last Saturday morning the large iron steamer built for the Old Dominion Steamship Company by Harlan & Hollingsworth. of Wilmington. Delaware, was launched from the yard of the company. She was christened the 'Old Dominion." after the name of the company for which she was built. The new steamer will be placed on the line between New

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, in Leesburg, on the 21st instant, by Rev. M. Lupton, Mr. THOMAS F. BURCH and Miss HELEN A. HAMMERLY, daughter of Mr. John W.

DIED.

ON HIS ROUNDS .- The Scottsville Va., Register says

"On Saturday morning last a young man apparently about twenty-three years of age. landed at this place from the packet boat, and seemed particularly desirens of forming the acquaintance of some Mason of high standing. stantiation of their plea that the drawing and This done, we learn that he appealed to the Lodge for pecuniary aid. He was duly interviewed by some of the featernity, and we presume that they were not entirely satisfied with his story, and he was not aided. His tales were too conflicting to be plausible. He seem ed to be a modern Hercules in strength, offer accepted were read and the court proceeded to ling to bet he could raise a 40 gallon cask of whiskey to his lips and drink from the bunghole. He told some he had \$90 with him-he told others he had no money at all. He was very anxions to borrow seventy-five cents from friend White, Jon the plea of being a brother Mason, till the next morning, but White "couldn't see it in that light." He left the

night of the day on which he came, coursing his way Richmondward. He gave his name as Craig, is about 6 feet posed. It is now learned that five persons high, has black, piercing eyes, and long black were killed and thirty injured. The wounded hair-inclined to curi. The public will do well

COMMUNICATED.

OUR CITY FINANCES -Being one of those who think that both the interest on our debt can be punctually paid, and our public schools kept open also, if our finances are well managed. I congratulate our people on the action of pay the first money received into the school fund for arrearages. I am sure that action will meet with almost universal approval. We are not bankrupts, but a live business people. and we can afford both to pay our debts, and educate our children, while we keep up our police and fire departments respectably, and pay our city officers living salaries. All we want is skilful management, and, to get this, we mu t look around us in the three months which will elapse before the May election, and select our very best citizens, our most successful merchants, our most enterprising mechanics, and our wisest professional men, and insist on their serving us in the City Council. No man has a right to refuse to serve us under the circumstances, and if we make a wise choice, not putting in people because their manners are pleasant and popular, nor allowing office seek ers to manipulate the primary meetings for their sordid purposes, we will have cause, next year, to congratulate ourselves on our good AN ANTI-REPUBLATOR.

Notice is given to the National banks to report their condition at the close of business on Tuesday last, to the United States Comptrol-

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Feb. 20,-The market for Wheat is unchanged; offerings of 654 bushels red, with sales at 178, 180 and 181 for prime to choice samples. Corn is irregular: offerings of 938 bushels mixed and 230 of yellow, with sales of the former at 67, and of the latter at same figures. Rye is quiet; offerings of 26 bushels, with sales at 100. Oats are in light receipt, with sales at 58.

PORT OF ALEXANDREA FEB 'Y. 29. ARRIVED

Schr J B Vandusen. Georgetown, to Hampshire & Baltimore Coal Co.
Schr Vanilla, Shepherd, Baltimore, guano to B H Lambert.

SAILED. Schrs Kate E Rich and Geo Nevenger, Boston, by Hampshire & Baltimore Coal Co.

BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION -OF THE-

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, AT ALEXANDRIA, In the State of Virginia, at the close of business.

 February 27, 1872. 2,650 00 Other stocks, bonds and mortgages. Due from redeeming and reserve agts. 82.647 30 Due from other National Banks ... Due from other Banks and Bankers Banking House.... 10.700 99 Current expenses..... 1.814 32 Taxes paid 1.500 00 Fract'l, currency, including nickels...

Legal tender notes.....

LIABILITIES. . S100,000 00 Capital stock paid in..... Surplus fund..... Discounts..... Exchange. Profit and loss..... Nat. Bank circulation outstanding... Due to other Banks and Bankers 10.592 40

\$794,006 34

State of Virginia. County of Alexandria. I I, CHARLES R. HOOFF, Cashier of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Virginia, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHAS. R. HOOFF, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of February, 1872. K. KEMPER, Notary Public.

Correct-attest:

R. H. STABLER. Directors. ALLEN C. HARMON.) feb 29-1t REPORT OF THE CONDITION -OF THE-CITIZENS' NAT'L. BANK,

of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, February 27, 1872.

Loans and discounts..... U. S. Bonds to secure circulation...... 100,000 00 Due from redeeming and reserve agts. 26,056-20 Due from other National Banks...... Due from other banks and bankers Banking House..... Current expenses..... 13.000 (R) Premiums..... Bills of other National Banks. Fractional currency, including nickels. Legal Tender Notes...... 18,640 00

\$338,171.68 \$195 (XX) (X) Capital stock paid in..... Surplus fund...... Exchange. Profit and loss..... Nat'l. Bank circulation outstanding.... 90,000 (x) Dividends unpaid Due to other banks and bankers....... 559 58 \$338,171 68

State of Virginia. 188.
County of Alexandria. 188.
I. WILLIAM H. LAMBERT, Cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, of Alexandria, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WM. H. LAMBERT, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th

day of February, 1872. K. KEMPER, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest: B. H. LAMBERT.

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